

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code Supplement section 29C.20A, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 58, "Emergency Assistance," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments make the following changes to the Iowa Disaster Aid Individual Assistance Grant Program:

- Require additional documentation from the applicant, including proof of income and identity, proof of vehicle registration and insurance, and a brief statement of how the disaster caused the loss being claimed. The purpose of these requirements is to facilitate application processing and deter fraudulent claims.
- Clarify how the program covers insurance deductibles. The program will not pay if the claim is higher than the deductible. For example, if a homeowner has a \$500 deductible and the cost to repair roof damage from a falling tree limb is \$450, the program will pay \$450. If the cost to repair the roof is \$3,000, the program will not pay toward the roof repair.
- Increase the limit for electrical or mechanical repairs from \$300 to \$1,000.
- Raise the reimbursement limit for home repair to \$5,000, commensurate with the higher benefit limit Adopted and Filed Emergency and published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 2, 2008, as **ARC 6878B**.
- Add reimbursement for debris removal, including trees, of up to \$1,000, based on the Department's experience of the kinds of losses suffered.
- Clarify that the program does not cover repairs on rental property.
- Clarify the respective roles of the county emergency management coordinator, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division of the Department of Public Defense, and the Department of Human Services in administering the program.
- Change the name of Division I of Chapter 58 to match the name used in the Iowa Code.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations. Individuals may request a waiver under the Department's general rule on exceptions at rule 441—1.8(17A,217).

Notice of Intended Action on these amendments was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 2, 2008, as **ARC 6920B**. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted these amendments on October 8, 2008.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 29C.20A.

These amendments shall become effective December 10, 2008.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [58.3(2), 58.4(4), 58.5, 58.6] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 6920B**, IAB 7/2/08.

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